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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 7, 2002, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

### In the Specification

Please amend the title to read as follows:

EDGE TESTING ELECTRODE FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

#### In the Claims

Please cancel claim 24 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter.

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Please amend claim 22 to read as follows.

22. (twice amended) A semiconductor device manufactured by a wire bonding method using a metal wire, comprising a dedicated inspection region adapted to be contacted by a probe needle for inspection brought into contact therewith, and a region in which a metal ball formed at a tip of said metal wire by electric discharge is bonded to a terminal electrode formed on the semiconductor device, wherein a shape of the terminal electrode is rectangular, the shape having a portion protruded from a square that surrounds the region wherein the metal ball is bonded to the terminal electrode, the protruded portion being the dedicated inspection region adapted to be contacted by the probe needle.